**MINUTES**

**Meeting of Scottish Land Fund Committee**

**1 March 2023**

**Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries & By Teams**

**Members:**

Cara Gillespie Chair of Scottish Land Fund Committee

Tom Black Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Malcolm Combe Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Alan Hobbett Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Bobby Macaulay Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Pauline Megson Scottish Land Fund Committee Member

Janet Miles Vice-Chair of Scottish Land Fund Committee

**Staff:**

Tony Crosbie Operations Manager, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Rebekah Dundas Funding Manager, the National Lottery Community Fund

Fiona Grant Business Support Officer, Governance, The National Lottery Fund Community Fund (minutes)

**Observing:**

Dave Thomson Head of Community Land Team, Scottish Government

Funding Officers, National Lottery Community Fund

Highlands and Islands Enterprise SLF Case Officers

1. **OPENING REMARKS**
   1. The Chair welcomed Committee Members and staff to this Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
   1. There were no apologies for absence.
   2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES FROM SLF MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2022**
   1. The minutes of the Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting held 16th November 2022 were approved as an accurate record.
4. **PIPELINE REPORT**
   1. Tony provided an overview of the pipeline report. Members noted that the SLF is in a healthy position with new referrals and projects in the pipeline. A number of SLF projects have also been supported by the UK Government Community Ownership Fund and HIE will work closely with the new delivery partners once they have been announced.
   2. The Committee commented that it is extremely positive to see new projects coming through.
5. **OVERVIEW PAPER** 
   1. Rebekah informed Members about the budget for this meeting, financial planning for the remainder of the year, decision making by Management Group and grants in management at stage one and two.
   2. The press embargo for this meeting is 4th April.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

6.1 Eleven applications were considered for decision making.

6.2 Eleven applications were awarded funding.

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| **Name of Applicant** | **Project** | **Award** |
| Alyth Development Trust | Millhaugh Sawmill Re-development project | £76,774  Capital - £68,200  Revenue - £8,574 |
| Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation | Bringing Nature Home | £136,192  Capital - £116,192  Revenue - £20,000 |
| Nether Lochaber Community Association | Inchree Barn Community Hub | £45,186  Capital - £5,372  Revenue - £39,814 |
| WHALE, the Arts Agency | Bringing the WHALE Arts building and land into community ownership via Community Asset Transfer | £157,483  Capital - £128,000  Revenue - £29,483 |
| Scenic Sandbank Limited | Sandbank Community Garden | £119,890  Capital - £101,642  Revenue - £18,248 |
| Inspire Inveraray | Inveraray Pier – Neglected pearl of a great town | £121,374  Capital - £102,654  Revenue - £18,720 |
| Dunoon Community Shed | Purchase of Dunoon Community Shed Building | £153,000  Capital - £153,000 |
| Concrete Garden | Growing Together – Community land in community hands | £140,287  Capital - £106,350  Revenue - £33,937 |
| Coigach Community Development Company | Homes for Coigach | £304,700  Capital - £285,500  Revenue - £19,200 |
| Staffin Community Trust Limited | Staffin Harbour Development | £116,064  Capital - £50,620  Revenue - £65,444 |
| Netherthird Initiative for Community Empowerment (NICE) | Netherthird Community Centre Purchase | £111,268  Capital - £111,268 |
| Total Awarded |  | **£1,482,218**  **Capital -£1,228,798**  **Revenue -£253,420** |

**7. GRANT MANAGEMENT VARIATION – PORTGORDON COMMUNITY TRUST**

7.1 Funding Officer, Katie Barnwell gave an overview of the variation request for Portgordon Community Trust. The Committee noted that the variation request is for the change of usage of the grant to the Trust and it does not increase the amount of the grant awarded. The request is to reallocate its usage to include funding towards essential repairs.

7.2 The Committee approved the variation request for Portgordon Community Trust.

**8. AOB**

8.1 The Committee noted that the next SLF Committee meeting will be held on 24th May by Teams. Further details on locations and speakers for other meetings to be provided.

**9. FINISH**

9.1 The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work and for attending the meeting.

9.2 There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.40.

9.3 Following the meeting, Members visited Mid Steeple Quarter in Dumfries to hear more about the organisation and the funding received from the SLF. The group provided a tour for Members and opportunity for a broad ranging discussion about town centre regeneration and how community ownership can play a role in this.